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To eliminate taxpayer financing of presidential campaigns and party conventions and reprogram savings to provide for a 10-year pediatric research initiative through the Common Fund administered by the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2013

Mr. HARPER (for himself, Mr. COLE, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. HULTGREN, Ms. JENKINS, Mr. MEEHAN, and Mrs. WALORSKI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To eliminate taxpayer financing of presidential campaigns and party conventions and reprogram savings to provide for a 10-year pediatric research initiative through the Common Fund administered by the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Kids First Research
5 Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF TAXPAYER FINANCING OF PRESI-**
2 **DENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGNS.**

3 (a) TERMINATION OF DESIGNATION OF INCOME TAX
4 PAYMENTS.—Section 6096 of the Internal Revenue Code
5 of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following
6 new subsection:

7 “(d) TERMINATION.—This section shall not apply to
8 taxable years ending on or after the date of the enactment
9 of this subsection.”.

10 (b) TERMINATION OF FUND AND ACCOUNT.—

11 (1) TERMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
12 CAMPAIGN FUND.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 95 of such
14 Code is amended by adding at the end the fol-
15 lowing new section:

16 **“SEC. 9014. TERMINATION.**

17 “The provisions of this chapter shall not apply with
18 respect to any presidential election (or any presidential
19 nominating convention) after the date of the enactment
20 of this section, or to any candidate in such an election.”.

21 (B) CONVERSION OF FUND TO 10-YEAR PE-
22 DIATRIC RESEARCH INITIATIVE FUND.—Section
23 9006 of such Code is amended by adding at the
24 end the following new subsection:

25 “(d) CONVERSION TO 10-YEAR PEDIATRIC RE-
26 SEARCH INITIATIVE FUND.—

1 “(1) CONVERSION.—Effective on the date of
2 the enactment of the Kids First Research Act of
3 2013—

4 “(A) the special fund established under
5 this section shall be known and designated as
6 the ‘10-Year Pediatric Research Initiative
7 Fund’; and

8 “(B) all amounts in the fund as of such
9 date shall be available only for the purpose pro-
10 vided in section 402A(a)(2) of the Public
11 Health Service Act, and only to the extent and
12 in such amounts as are provided in advance in
13 appropriation Acts.

14 “(2) TERMINATION.—Any amounts in the fund
15 that remain unobligated on October 1, 2024, shall
16 be deposited into the general fund of the Treasury.”.

17 (2) TERMINATION OF ACCOUNT.—Chapter 96
18 of such Code is amended by adding at the end the
19 following new section:

20 **“SEC. 9043. TERMINATION.**

21 “The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any
22 candidate with respect to any presidential election after
23 the date of the enactment of this section.”.

24 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

1 (1) The table of sections for chapter 95 of such
2 Code is amended by adding at the end the following
3 new item:

“Sec. 9014. Termination.”.

4 (2) The table of sections for chapter 96 of such
5 Code is amended by adding at the end the following
6 new item:

“Sec. 9043. Termination.”.

7 **SEC. 3. 10-YEAR PEDIATRIC RESEARCH INITIATIVE.**

8 (a) ALLOCATION OF NIH FUNDS IN COMMON FUND
9 FOR PEDIATRIC RESEARCH.—Paragraph (7) of section
10 402(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
11 282(b)) is amended to read as follows:

12 “(7)(A) shall, through the Division of Program
13 Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives—

14 “(i) identify research that represents im-
15 portant areas of emerging scientific opportuni-
16 ties, rising public health challenges, or knowl-
17 edge gaps that deserve special emphasis and
18 would benefit from conducting or supporting
19 additional research that involves collaboration
20 between 2 or more national research institutes
21 or national centers, or would otherwise benefit
22 from strategic coordination and planning;

23 “(ii) include information on such research
24 in reports under section 403; and

1 “(iii) in the case of such research sup-
2 ported with funds referred to in subparagraph
3 (B)—

4 “(I) require as appropriate that pro-
5 posals include milestones and goals for the
6 research;

7 “(II) require that the proposals in-
8 clude timeframes for funding of the re-
9 search; and

10 “(III) ensure appropriate consider-
11 ation of proposals for which the principal
12 investigator is an individual who has not
13 previously served as the principal investi-
14 gator of research conducted or supported
15 by the National Institutes of Health;

16 “(B)(i) may, with respect to funds reserved
17 under section 402A(c)(1) for the Common Fund, al-
18 locate such funds to the national research institutes
19 and national centers for conducting and supporting
20 research that is identified under subparagraph (A);
21 and

22 “(ii) shall, with respect to funds appropriated
23 to the Common Fund under section 402A(a)(2), al-
24 locate such funds to the national research institutes
25 and national centers for making grants for pediatric

1 research that is identified under subparagraph (A);
2 and

3 “(C) may assign additional functions to the Di-
4 vision in support of responsibilities identified in sub-
5 paragraph (A), as determined appropriate by the Di-
6 rector;”.

7 (b) FUNDING FOR 10-YEAR PEDIATRIC RESEARCH
8 INITIATIVE.—Section 402A of the Public Health Service
9 Act (42 U.S.C. 282a) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a)—

11 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
12 through (3) as subparagraphs (A) through (C),
13 respectively, and moving the indentation of each
14 such subparagraph 2 ems to the right;

15 (B) by striking “For purposes of carrying
16 out this title” and inserting the following:

17 “(1) THIS TITLE.—For purposes of carrying
18 out this title”; and

19 (C) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(2) FUNDING FOR 10-YEAR PEDIATRIC RE-
21 SEARCH INITIATIVE THROUGH COMMON FUND.—For
22 carrying out section 402(b)(7)(B)(ii), there is au-
23 thorized to be appropriated, out of funds in the 10-
24 Year Pediatric Research Initiative Fund established
25 by section 9006 of the Internal Revenue Code of

1 1986, and in addition to amounts otherwise made
2 available under paragraph (1) of this subsection and
3 reserved under subsection (c)(1)(B)(i) of this sec-
4 tion, \$13,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014
5 through 2023.”; and

6 (2) in subsections (c)(1)(B), (c)(1)(D), and (d),
7 by striking “subsection (a)” each place it appears
8 and inserting “subsection (a)(1)”.

9 (c) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT; PROHIBITION
10 AGAINST TRANSFER.—Funds appropriated under section
11 402A(a)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, as added by
12 subsection (b)—

13 (1) shall be used to supplement, not supplant,
14 the funds otherwise allocated by the National Insti-
15 tutes of Health for pediatric research; and

16 (2) notwithstanding any transfer authority in
17 any appropriation Act, shall not be used for any
18 purpose other than making grants as described in
19 section 402(b)(7)(B)(ii) of the Public Health Service
20 Act, as added by subsection (a).

21 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION AGAINST NIH RESEARCH ON HEALTH**
22 **ECONOMICS.**

23 Section 402A of the Public Health Service Act (42
24 U.S.C. 282a) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
25 lowing:

1 “(f) HEALTH ECONOMICS RESEARCH.—

2 “(1) ONGOING RESEARCH.—Before continuing
3 any health economics research grant, project, or ac-
4 tivity that is ongoing as of the date of the enactment
5 of this subsection, the Director of NIH shall submit
6 to the Congress a report that outlines the justifica-
7 tion for such ongoing grant, project, or activity, in-
8 cluding the reason for giving priority to such ongo-
9 ing grant, project, or activity over research on pedi-
10 atric diseases and disorders, such as autism, cancer,
11 and other pediatric genetic disorders without cures.

12 “(2) NEW RESEARCH.—The Director of NIH
13 may not initiate any health economics research
14 grant, project, or activity until—

15 “(A) the Director has submitted the report
16 described in paragraph (1); and

17 “(B) a Federal law has been enacted au-
18 thorizing the National Institutes of Health to
19 use funding specifically for health economics re-
20 search.”.

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